

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

I. Claims 1-17 and 32-40, drawn to a method for adding a participant to a network, the method comprising identifying a pair, disconnecting the pair and reconnecting the pair;

II. Claims 18-31, drawn to a method for sending a connection edge search message for adding a participant to a network; and

III. Claims 41-49 drawn to a method for detecting neighbors with empty ports in a network.

In response, the applicants elect Group I without traverse. Non-elected claims 18-31 and 41-49 have been canceled.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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